



## Carlsbad Police Department

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<b>CRIME/INCIDENT:</b>	Elder Abuse / Battery with Injury	<b>CASE:</b>	08-8818
<b>DATE:</b>	11-03-08	<b>TIME:</b>	2008
<b>LOCATION:</b>	6900 Block of Sandcastle Drive		
<b>SUSPECT 1:</b>	Lawrence Pizzicara	<b>AGE:</b>	53
<b>SUSPECT 2:</b>		<b>AGE:</b>	
<b>VICTIM 1:</b>	Male	<b>AGE:</b>	76
<b>VICTIM 2:</b>	Female	<b>AGE:</b>	77

**SUMMARY:**

On November 3, 2008 at 2008 hours Carlsbad Police received a call regarding a battery with injury. Residents in the 6900 block of Sandcastle Drive reported that an elderly couple had been assaulted by a neighbor. The assault was the result of a Prop. 8 dispute.

Carlsbad officers responded and contacted Pizzicara and the victims. The dispute between Pizzicara and the victims was initiated over the placement of Prop. 8 signs in the victims' front yard. The victims felt that Pizzicara was placing his Prop. 8 signs on their property in a position which blocked theirs.

The victims confronted Pizzicara about the placement of his signs and a physical altercation ensued. The elderly victims sustained significant injuries as a result of Pizzicara hitting them.

Carlsbad Fire Department paramedics responded and treated the victims.

Pizzicara was transported to Vista Jail and booked for elder abuse and battery.

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